Wayne State University Student Senate  
General Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 5, 13  
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Presiding: Adham Aljahmi, President

I. Call to Order
   The meeting of the Wayne State University Student Senate was called to order by the President, Adham Aljahmi, at 6:09 p.m.

II. Roll Call
   A. Present - Aljahmi, Shamoun, Sitto, Meheidli, Vasudevan, El-Moussa, Jaber, Giroux, Alqattan, Tarp, Sanam, Asghar, Boulis, Hanna, Alluri, Ukavwe, Anand, Younan, Johnson, Kilgore, R. Singh, Skinner
   B. Absent - Dawdy, B. Singh

III. Approval of the Agenda
   A. Marwan –
      i. Adham- Add election to the agenda
      ii. Seconded
      iii. Approved

IV. Approval of the Minutes
   A. Marwan –
      i. Amendment: Shamoun- Roll call, Remove Shamoun from present to absent. Change section IX, A. Open house has a wrong date listed.
      ii. Seconded
      iii. Approved

V. Business
   A. Jeri Stroupe
      i. A little bit of background about myself, I started at the office of economic development over a month ago, which works to help the growth of midtown. The focus of the office is on business, talent and place, which is in place to help the city communicate with the university about different projects that can be worked on together, to benefit both the university and city. Most projects are related to transportation. The office is located in the Faculty Administration on 4th floor in the president’s suite. The direct number to the office is 313-577-9778.
      ii. Questions:
         1. Rohit- Bike share,
            Wayne state convened a lot of different partners to work with a public bike share through the downtown area. Partners came together to study if the program would be successful. The results came back positively. The OED is looking to have the program launched by spring 2015/2016. They have found an NPO that would shelter the program and are now in the process of finding
funding and sponsors. Their website, wayne.edu/economic development, has the study displayed for the public.

2. DS- encourages contacting Stroupe to help with different student involvement and having projects be linked together.

3. Adham- building on Cass/Canfield, Wayne State has realized that there is an opportunity to develop the land for more housing, retail, hotel, and conference center. The building intends on having 9 stories with a pool on the roof. The building is scheduled to open 2015.

B. Robert Kohrman-
   i. The budget for the university. Most important what do you want from the office of Budget, Planning and Analysis.
      1. Refers to the different types of funding; General fund, designated funding, auxiliary, restricted.
      2. Majority of money is spent on instruction, research and maintenance.
      3. Lack of state corporations is a big factor that affects our budget and the main reason that our tuition has increased. If the state would increase our budget, our tuition would be a third less than it is today.
         a. In 2001 the state paid for 2/3 of our education. In 2014 the state only pays 1/3 of our education, which is a factor that leads to the increase of tuition by 8.9%. Another reason for the significant increase is the decrease of enrollment with the university that has been dropping 2.5% percent over the last 4 years.
         b. Faculty salaries are with par of the professors of the universities surrounding us but our tuition is still significantly lower.
         c. All of the renovations, facilities and student activities are being funded by the tuition increase.
         d. Funding also goes to our world-class research that many universities in the state are not up to our standard.
   ii. Questions:
      1. Karthik- Why did the university go from the top five for 24 credits to bottom five for 30 credits?
         a. We charge a linear rate for tuition that is different from other university.
      2. Ashraf- Does our tuition go directly to the schools we are registered in or to the university first?
         a. All tuition goes into a central pot that is then dispersed to the different schools.
      3. Brandon- With new fees placed on tuition, what is being charged, what does it go towards? Also, can you please address tuition rates
are out of sync with different schools? What is the difference from a fee or tuition increase?

   a. The reason for differently tuition is for those students who are majors in higher costing professors, for example physical science classes. The Deans also found that it is best to place the fee on a per semester basis; it is less burden sum to the student.

4. Ashraf- what initiatives are you taking to gain student enrollment and for students to graduate?
   a. Advisors were a big change, 45 new advisors are being hired to help the students enroll and graduate. We are trying to produce completion scholarships to help students who have reached their loan cap to help them graduate.

5. Ahmad- Has WSU sent professors to different high schools to help gain enrollment?
   a. Yes we are sending Professor to High Schools to attract higher enrollment.

6. Adham- was the 8.9% tuition increase across the board?
   a. Yes, it is across the board for everyone in the university.

7. Madhu- Scholarship has not been kept up with the inflation to match the tuition increase.
   a. This should be addressed with the president.

8. Erika- though we had an 8.9% increase, different fees have been added to different schools. How is that explained? Also, how many more money has the university received through this increase?
   a. 8.9% base rate was across the board per one credit hour. But different schools have had additional differential increases. Net impact was about 14 million.

9. Anita- Has the University given any education that though we have increased our tuition by 8.9% we still have a lower tuition than many universities’ in the state?
   a. Would love your input on how to better educate the state that though we have had a tuition increase, our tuition is still one of the lowest in the state.

10. Youssef- is all of this information made publicly?
    a. Yes, this is all made public on the university website.

C. SAM Conference December 6-8th
   i. Starts tomorrow at Pegasus at 8 am. The event is taking place at the Renaissance Center.
   ii. Brandon encourages students to come to the event though they will not have voting rights.

D. Election of Secretary
   i. Kyle is resigning from the position of Secretary.
   ii. Nominations: Erika and Maya.
      1. Erika is elected Secretary by the senators.
E. Project Group Updates-
   i. Sam- Voter registration- we need volunteers for January 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{rd} from 12pm to 2pm for Winter Fest to help sign students up to vote.
   ii. Madhu- The sample certificate for Faculty of the Month is being passed around. Feedback would be appreciated if anyone had any suggestions.

VI. Appointments
   A. Dominic Nanni- Student Newspaper Publication Board
      i. Approved
   B. Brandon Shamoun- Leasing and Retail Services Committee
      i. Approved

VII. Reports:
   A. Executive Board- would like the work group and Executive Board members to stay to discuss more information after the meeting.
      a. Resolution
         i. Brandon-Motion
         ii. Marwan- Second
         iii. Approved
      b. Mission Statement- We would like to add a mission statement to the Student Senate bi-laws.
   B. Members at large-
      a. Ashraf- would like to report a teacher who came into the class during the SATs, then claimed that the evaluation is “not that important.”
      b. Lucky- The Library is very loud during the finals studying period. Hope that library monitors would enforce the sound ordinance
   C. Appointees-
      a. Brandon- SAM will be voting on different resolutions that shall take place this weekend. All Resolutions had passed for more information visit mistudents.org
      b. Brandon- CMMLC- Presentation given by Ann Dungan, Friday at noon in Manoogian.
      c. Rob Pfaff- FSSTC-
         i. The efficiency of the mail and receiving
         ii. The second floor Manoogian renovations- no major structural work, upgrading the floor in terms of technology, paint, tiling and furniture.
   D. Advisor-
      a. Campus activity calendar for winter semester is looking really good. The strength of the senate is in the work groups that have been receiving the attention of the administrators of the university. Thank you for your work this semester. Good luck on your finals and have a good and safe holiday break.

VIII. Announcements
   A. School of Business is having a
   B. Senate Student, if any senators will be here next year,

IX. Gallery Comments
A. Will Alexander, Dabkah Event will be held on December 10th, 7-9 pm at Atchison Hall, anyone is welcome to attend.

X. Adjournment at 7:46 pm.